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# Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 5635th meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 February 2007, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council *affirms* its determination to promote increased multilateral co-operation, as an important means of enhancing states' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

"The Security Council *recalls* its resolution 1540 (2004) of 28 April 2004 and resolution 1673 (2006) of 27 April 2006 and stresses the importance of compliance with resolution 1540 (2004) through the achievement of the implementation of its requirements.

"The Security Council *acknowledges* with appreciation the activities of international organizations with expertise in the field of non-proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery covered by resolution 1540 (2004), in particular the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, especially in providing assistance in the implementation of that resolution, without altering their mandates and responsibilities.

"The Security Council *takes note* of the relevant activities of the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the relevant international arrangements. The Security Council *also notes* with appreciation the seminars and workshops that have been held with countries, regional and subregional organizations, in order to promote experience-sharing and the full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

"The Security Council *is mindful* of the need further to explore with international, regional and sub-regional organizations experience-sharing and lessons learned in the areas covered by resolution 1540 (2004), and the availability of programmes which might facilitate implementation of the resolution.

"The Security Council *reiterates* its determination to enhance its cooperation with international organizations and to develop preferred mechanisms for cooperating with those organizations on a case-by-case basis, reflecting the variation in each organization's capacity and mandate, including in assisting states in providing the Committee with information it still

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encourages on the ongoing process of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), as set out in the Committee's report of 25 April 2006, as well as in assisting Member States in their capacity building and planning of the process of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in accordance with the provisions of operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) and paragraph 5 of resolution 1673 (2006)."